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MEXICAN MAN SENTENCED FOR IMMIGRATION VIOLATIONS

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a citizen of Mexico was sentenced in federal court today for violating federal immigration laws.

Jose Rey Rodriguez-Flores, 30, a Mexican citizen with no known address, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Richard E. Dorr this morning to two years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On March 26, 2004, **Rodriguez-Flores** pleaded guilty to illegally re-entering the United States and transporting illegal aliens within the United States.

Rodriguez-Flores was stopped for speeding in Springfield on Feb. 23, 2004. According to Graves, he was driving a pick-up truck with a camper top covering the bed of the truck, transporting 14 illegal aliens -- nine males riding in the bed of the truck and five females riding in the cab. **Rodriguez-Flores** illegally re-entered the United States after being deported in 2003, Graves said, following his criminal felony conviction for possession of cocaine in New Mexico.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas C. Bunch. It was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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